

Lead Dust Test Results

Information for Renters



You have done a lead dust test in your home. Now what? Knowing if you have lead dust in your home is the first step to protecting your family from lead poisoning.

Look at the letter you received that shows your test results. Then use this tipsheet to figure out how to work with your landlord or property manager to protect your family.

Low Results: What You Need to Do

If the results show that there is no or a low level of lead dust, and you live in a building that was built before 1978 you need to:

- Take care of your apartment and monitor the condition of the paint. Lead paint in good condition can turn into a lead hazard.
- Tell your landlord or property manager if you find areas of worn or chipped paint on doors, windows, stairways or painted floors.
- Talk to your landlord or property manager about your results and give them the sheet called "Lead Dust Test Results: Information for Property Owners and Managers." Your landlord can call 287-7666 with questions.

Moderate or High Results: What You Need to Do

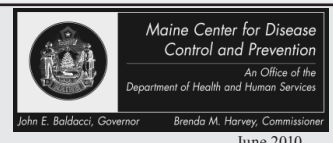
If the results show that there is a moderate or unsafe level of lead dust, you need to:

- Clean your apartment thoroughly using wet cleaning methods. Use wet cleaning methods once a week to clean up the lead dust.
- Do not dry sand or dry scrape paint. This can create more lead dust.
- Talk to your landlord or property manager about your results and give them the sheet called "Lead Dust Test Results: Information for Property Owners and Managers."
- Walk through your home with your landlord or property manager to inspect doors, windows, floors and stairways. Look for peeling, chipping, flaking or chalking paint because they may be a source of lead dust.
- Cooperate with your landlord or property manager if they want to have a lead expert do more testing. An expert can identify the source of the lead dust in your home.
- Take care of your apartment and monitor the condition of the paint. Lead paint in good condition can turn into a lead hazard.
- If the property manager is going to do maintenance, make sure your belongings are covered and away from the work area. Your property manager must notify you if they are going to do work in your apartment. People working on homes built before 1978 must be certified in lead-safe work practices.

If you need help: Contact the attorney general's office to learn about renters' rights: www.maine.gov/ag.

Protect your family.

- Visit our web site: www.maine.gov/healthyhomes
- Call for advice: **287-7666 • TTY: 800-492-0859**



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